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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF THE PLO ISSUE, GENERAL DEBATE OPENED JULY 3 WITH STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF IAEA, UNDP, FAO AND IMCO. GENERAL DEBATE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JULY 11. USG WILL SPEAK JULY 4. END SUMMARY.

2. SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF DR. SIVGARD EKLUND, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IAEA FOLLOWS:

A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO TENDENCIS HAS PROVOKED A WORLDWIDE REEVALUATION OF THS ENERGY QUESTION. ON THE ONE HAND, PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS HAS GAINED SUCH MOMENTUM AS TO HAMPER THE REALIZATION

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OF ALREADY APPROVED PROJECTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, A MARKED

CHANGE IN THE CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SITUATION HAS DRAWN
RENEWED ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL OF NUCLEAR POWER. THE
ANTICIPATED FUTURE DEMAND FOR ENERGY WILL WILL EXCEED THE CONVENTIONAL

ENERGY RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND CREATE A GAP WHICH CAN ONLY BE
FILLED BY NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE MAJOR CONCERN OF THE AGENCY
DURING THE EXPECTED PERIOD OF GROWTH FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY
INCLUDE (1) ASSURING SAFETY, (2) THE AVAILABILITY OF SKILLED
MANPOWER, (3) WASTE DISPOSAL, AND (4) PHYSICAL SECURITY IN
PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

AT A TIME WHEN THE AGENCY'S WORK HAS ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE,
AND THE PRESSURE FOR EXPANSION ARE STRONG, THE AGENCY IS
EXPERIENCING ACUTE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. THE REGULAR BUDGET
FOR 1975 AT \$29,675,000 REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 18.4 PERCENT
OVER 1974. BUT THIS INCREASE IS APPARENT AND NOT REAL AGAINST
THE BACKGROUND OF RAPID INFLATION AND CHANGES IN CURRENCY RATES.
THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDS
APPROVED FOR THE AGENCY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME DUE TO
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH IN THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, THE AGENCY
HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO PROGRAMMES RELATING TO NUCLEAR
SAFETY, NUCLEAR ADVISORY SERVICES, AND RELATED TRAINING.
PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ASSISTING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN INTRODUCING NUCLEAR POWER. TO MEET THEIR NEEDS,
THE AGENCY MAPPED OUT A COMPREHENSIVE COURSE OF ACTION
WHICH INCLUDES A SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND PROVIDES FOR REGIONAL TRAINING COURSES FOR
TECHNICIANS AND ECONOMIC PLANNERS. THE AGENCY HAS ALSO
UNDERTAKEN AN EXTENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME
AND IS STUDYING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO NUCLEAR FUEL MANAGE-
MENT, REPROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL.

THE AGENCY'S COMPUTERIZED INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR
INFORMATION SYSTEM (INIS) IS NOW FULLY SUPPORTED BY MEMBER
STATES.

PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR A LARGE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR POWER AND ITS FUEL CYCLE, WHICH IS
EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, DURING MAY OF
1977.

3. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR RUDOLPH PETERSON CAST HIS PRESENTATION
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ON TERMS OF UNDP'S FUTURE ROLE IN CONTEXT OF THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL GA. STATEMENT WAS AMPLY LACED WITH WARM ALLUSIONS TO
NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE
DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. EXPRESSED DELIGHT THAT
UNDP PROPOSALS FOR "NEW DIMENSION" IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION
HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY GOVERNING COUNCIL,
CONFIRMING UNDP ROLE AS OPERATIONAL CENTERPIECE OF UN DEVELOP-
MENT SYSTEM.

TRACING 25 YEARS OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HE GAVE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS IN PROJECT EXPENDITURES, INVOLVING 120,000 EXPERTS AND GIVING RISE TO 17 BILLION DOLLARS IN FOLLOW-UP INVESTMENTS. CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL PROJECTS WILL EXCEED 4 BILLION DOLLARS, AND FOLLOW-UP INVESTMENT FOR 1974 ALONE WAS NEARLY 4 BILLION DOLLARS.

IN REFERRING TO NIEO RESOLUTIONS, PETERSON SAID NEVER BEFORE HAD SO MANY AGREED TO THE NEEDS FOR REDESIGNING GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE SYSTEMS TO ASSIST THE POOR, IN THE INTEREST OF ALL. STATED UNDP WAS READY TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION, WHICH AMOUNTS TO A WORKSHEET FOR THE WORLD FOR YEARS TO COME. HE ASKED ECOSOC'S BLESSING FOR NEW UNDP APPROACH IN HELPING GOVERNMENTS TO PROGRAM AND CARRYING OUT MORE INNOVATIVE RANGE OF PROJECTS IN SPIRIT OF PROGRAM OF ACTION. WELCOMED WORLD BANK ASSURANCES THAT THIS NEW FLEXIBILITY PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS IN DELINEATIONS BETWEEN CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. URGED EXPANSION OF CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, REACHING POOREST SEGMENTS, AND FOR HIGH RISK PROJECTS TO ACHIEVE QUICK TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS APPROPRIATE TO A COUNTRY'S NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES; ALSO FOR PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE COUNTRY SKILLS IN DEALING WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT, EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND EXPORT PRIORITIES.

4. FAO DG BOERMA IN LENGTHY INTERVENTION, COMMENTED ON STATUS OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS, GAVE COUNCIL HIS CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF WORLD FOOD SITUATION, DESCRIBED CONSTRAINTS TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS AS HE SAW THEM AND GAVE HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UN SYSTEM.

BOERMA SAW HOPEFUL SIGNS IN POSITIVE REACTION OF GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD), THE INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERTAKING OF THE WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND IN FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON OTHER WFC RECOMMENDATIONS SUCH AS THOSE RELATING TO FERTILIZERS AND THE SETTING UP OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER FACT THAT FOOD AID PLEDGES FOR 1975-1976 ARE NOW CLOSE TO A MINIMUM OF 10 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN A YEAR BUT NOTED THAT EVEN THIS AMOUNT IS FAR SHORT OF WHAT IS NEEDED. HIS COMMENT ON THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WAS THAT IT HAD "YET TO PROVE WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN MAKE THE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION THAT WAS EXPECTED OF IT."

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ON THE IMMEDIATE WORLD FOOD SITUATION, BOERMA NOTED THAT MSA'S FACED IMMEDIATE THREAT OF FAMINE LAST YEAR BUT HAD BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THE IMMEDIATE DANGERS THROUGH INCREASED COMMERCIAL PURCHASES, THE DROP IN WORLD FOOD PRICES AND THE EXPANSION IN FOOD AID AVAILABILITIES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MSA'S FACED 1975-1976 FOOD GAP OF 14 TO 20 MILLION TONS AND THAT UNLESS THEY RECEIVED CONSIDERABLY INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN NEXT 12 MONTHS THEY WILL AGAIN FACE SAME DANGERS OR EVEN MORE SERIOUS ONES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT EVEN IF OVERALL FOOD PRODUCTION INCREASE THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR REACHES AS HIGH AS 8 PERCENT, WORLD FOOD STOCKS NOW AT ONE HUNDRED MILLION TONS (EXCLUSIVE OF USSR AND CHINA) COULD ONLY BE REPLENISHED TO EXTENT OF 25 MILLION ADDITIONAL TONS

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LEAVING STOCKS STILL WELL BELOW MINIMUM SAFE LEVELS FOR WORLD FOOD SECURITY. IT WAS VITALLY NECESSARY, HE SAID, TO TAKE RAPID ACTION ON WFC RECOMMENDATIONS, AND HE CALLED FOR A VAST COOPERATIVE EFFORT NOT JUST TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION BUT ALSO TO BRING ABOUT GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON A MASSIVE SCALE TO "ENABLE ALL THE LEGIONS OF POOR IN THESE COUNTRIES TO EARN A DECENT LIVELIHOOD SO THAT THEY CAN BUY THE FOOD THEY NEED".

BOERMA ALSO STRESSED NEED TO ASSIST LDC AG PRODUCTION THROUGH INCREASING INVESTMENT IN AG SECTOR, IMPROVING RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION, PROVIDING PRICE INCENTIVES FOR FARMERS AND DOING AWAY WITH OUTMODED RURAL INSTITUTIONS ESPECIALLY LAND TENURE SYSTEMS. HE ASKED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO LIBERALIZE TRADE, INCREASE AID AND ESTABLISH BETTER SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND WORLD DIVISION OF LABOT. HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO NEED FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH PRICE POLICIES WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE FARMERS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION ON SUSTAINED BASIS AND ASKED THAT FOOD AID BE PLANNED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A WORLD FOOD POLICY. FINALLY, HE ASKED THAT ALL COUNTRIES COOPERATE WITH FAO IN OPERATING THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM BY PROVIDING FULL INFORMATION ON IMPENDING FOOD SHORTAGES. ABSENCE OF SUCH INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY "FROM COUNTRIES WHICH PLAY A LARGE ROLE" IN AG PRODUCTION AND TRADE, HE SAID, "WILL IMPOSE A MORE GENERAL CONSTRAINT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COHERENT WORLD FOOD POLICY DESIGNED TO BENEFIT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES".

WITH REGARD TO REPORT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRUCTURING, BOERMA EXPRESSED ACCORD WITH THE GENERAL TENURE AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE REPORT, STRESSING PARTICULARLY THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN ECOSOC SO THAT IT CAN PROVIDE INCREASED POLITICAL BACKING FOR ACTION ON TECHNICAL MATTERS. HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT NEITHER WFC NOT THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SCHEME COULD HAVE COME ABOUT WITHOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S POLITICAL WILL AS EXPRESSED THROUGH ECOSOC.

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5. IMCO SYS SRIVASTAVA, IN BRIEF STATEMENT, DESCRIBED IMCO ACTION TO RESPOND TO LDC NEEDS. HE NOTED THAT IMCO HAD EXPANDED ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY ESTAB-

LISHING POSTS FOR TWO INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS AND THREE
REGIONAL ADVISERS TO ADVISE LDC'S ON MARINE SAFETY
AND MARITIME LEGISLATION, AND THAT IMCO ASSEMBLY
DECISION AT 5TH SPECIAL SESSION TO INCREASE COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP FROM 18 TO 24 MEMBERS AND TO PEN MARITIME SAFETY
COMMITTEE TO ALL MEMBERS WILL BE OF SPECIAL BENEFIT
TO LDC'S. ALSO DESCRIBED TWO SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCES
HELD UNDER IMCO AUSPICES IN 1974, ON THE SAFETY OF
LIFE AT SEA AND ON CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS MADE AT THE
CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
SATELLITE SYSTEM, HELD IN APRIL 1975. DALE

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